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Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and Peace be unto you all in the name of the resurrected Savior, Jesus the Christ. As we have reached this point, our country is facing and navigating through uncharted territory. The Coronavirus (Covid-19) continues to spread, and the implications of it have proven to be tragic in some cases (1, 949, 989 cases worldwide and 122, 731 deaths worldwide according to CDC/WHO). This is a serious situation in which medical experts are scrambling to get a grip on. Considering all that we are facing, we must remain still in Christ and yet trust him in all things.

Considering this pandemic and its horrible effects, we have decided to postpone the 2020 sessions of the East MS Baptist State Congress of Christian Education as well as the Young People's Convention. Upon clearance and confirmation from the state CDC and its requirements, alternative dates will be chosen that are feasible and conducive for both the Congress and Youth Convention to convene. Please spread the word among the constituents of your congregation. I would further add that we all should continue to practice preventative measures outlined by the CDC, which include:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially if you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Put distance between yourself and other people if COVID-19 is spreading in your community. This is especially important for people who are at a higher risk of getting very sick.

Above all, trust God who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we ask or think.

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Phil 4:6-7, NIV

Servant of Heaven,

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